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SAYS TARIFF INCREASES DEATH RATES.

Representative Edward Waterman Townsend, of the Seventh New Jersey district, the author of "Chimie Fadden" and other stories, made his first speech in Congress the other day. It was on Schedule "K." To his friends Mr. Townsend confessed that both the preparation and the making of the speech were tasks of considerable magnitude. As he put it, "I boned up for that speech just as I was going to take an exam in a course which I had not been attending." The result was a rather novel Democratic argument against high tariff subsidies—not dull, not long, and full of human interest.

Mr. Townsend assembled facts which, he said, proved "that as the tariff rate mounts high, the living conditions of those wage earners who toll in the protective industry sink lower and lower."

"If there is a sinister relationship between the facts," said Mr. Townsend, "then it is our duty to examine and to understand. If it is found that as the dividends increase there is also an increase in the pitiful little mounds of babies' graves, if it is found that as the arrogance and pride begot from privilege grow, hope and joy in the hearts of the toilers decrease, then it is reasonable for us to inquire if these facts do not bear certain relations with each other."

Mr. Townsend's investigation interested him very much, and he journeyed up from Washington into New England to see if he could verify and substantiate his theory. He found, for example, that in the mill town of Lawrence, out of every one hundred deaths, forty-seven were of children under five years of age, and of these, thirty-five were of children under one year of age; the average for the whole country being twenty-seven out of every one hundred children under five years of age, and nineteen instead of thirty-five out of every hundred children under one year of age.

Mr. Townsend went into his own congressional district, where, as he put it, the values of finished manufactured products in 1910 exceeded \$200,000,000. There he found that of every one hundred deaths, thirty-one were of children under five years of age. Some figures compiled by Dr. Wilbur, who is the head of the division of vital statistics in the census bureau, were used by Mr. Townsend with striking effect. These figures show that out of thirty-one causes of death known to the government experts, nineteen are considered as "preventable," and further, that in one large factory town every cause of death peculiar to children is also considered preventable. From this the author of "Chimie Fadden" argued that the protective tariff was the real cause of the mortality which he had discovered.

JUDICIAL REFORM.

Judge Peck's judicial reform measure providing for the restriction of the jurisdiction of the supreme court in that it will require the assent of five of the six judges to declare a legislative act unconstitutional is one of the best things the Con-Con has done as yet. That will stop that packing of the supreme court with corporation lawyers. They will have to get them all but one under this measure to do them any good. The proposition to change the circuit court to a court of appeals should be accompanied by a provision that it sit at Columbus and be composed of about one body of six men working in two divisions of three men each instead of seven circuit judges with three men each, 21 in all, at an unnecessary expense of about \$60,000 annually. Just what Judge Peck has done as to cutting down the traveling hocus pocus called the circuit court we do not know but we are satisfied that one body of six men sitting at Columbus as a court of appeals could do all the work of all these seven circuit courts. At \$5,000 per year these six judges of a court of appeals would cost the state \$30,000 per year and there would be some economy in their operations. There would be saved about \$60,000 annually by such a change. Missouri formerly had two courts of appeals composed of three judges each, one located at Kansas City and one at St. Louis. But recently they have added a third court located at Springfield. However, there was not a very urgent necessity for the latter. The other provision to give a litigant one fair trial and that promptly is very desirable.

THE MODERN SPIRIT.

Senator Cullom of Illinois after long and distinguished services as Governor and as U. S. Senator has been defeated because he failed to catch the spirit of the times and keep up with the procession. Decent public sentiment had long since repudiated Lorimer but Cullom went on voting to retain him in the United States Senate. Cullom was like some other statesmen who have been retired. He preferred to be "regular" rather than to be right. The modern spirit calls for a man to be right and regularity or partisanship can be thrown to the winds. Of course there are yet people hanging to the old notion but they are not leaders in modern thought and opinion. They are reactionaries and standpatters who represent only the past. We may be mistaken but we do not believe any standpatter can be elected President by the people. Even if such should be nominated by both parties the Progressives would likely organize a third party and sweep the west—everything west of Ohio. That at least seems to be the logical interpretation of the elections in Wisconsin, North Dakota and Illinois. When Nebraska, Kansas, South Dakota, California, Oregon and Washington vote we will probably get other data whereby we may possibly buttress the above conclusion. Anyhow, it is safe to say that with both the old parties nominating standpatters a well organized Progressive campaign with La Follette, Bryan and the real Progressives in the field pushing it would carry a number of states and likely throw the election of the next President into the House.

THE ILLINOIS PRIMARY.

It is rather difficult to understand the way Champ Clark snowed under Woodrow Wilson in the Illinois primary Tuesday. The vile campaign of slander and misrepresentation made against Mr. Wilson by the Hearst papers may have had something to do with it but it is hard to believe the Illinois voter's credulity could be so imposed upon. Of course Illinois is a western state adjoining Missouri, the home of Speaker Clark, and this matter of locality may have been partially responsible for the great vote given Clark. But that won't explain it all for the forces of the two men in Oklahoma and Kansas, two other adjoining states, were almost equally divided.

It is probably not true that the Sullivan forces worked for Wilson, Sullivan supporting a man like Wilson being incomprehensible even under the pressure of a difficult local situation. If the patent leather shoe-cowhide boot demagogic appeal of the Hearst forces did the work we feel a slight shock to our belief in the average intelligence of the people.

The Roosevelt victory is easy to explain. It was expected and simply goes to prove the popularity that has generally been attributed to the Colonel in the ranks of the Republican party. The addition of something like 50 votes to the Roosevelt delegate column will revive the drooping fortunes of the Colonel and spur him on to renewed endeavors. It means that the fight will actually be carried into the Chicago convention with the Roosevelt forces making the play that Taft cannot be elected if nominated. Enough contests will be brought by the Taft opposition to give the Colonel at least a fighting chance to make a showing. However, the Taft men will be in control of the preliminary organization and it will doubtless hold the balance of power. It nearly always has whenever there has been a necessity.

The Republicans seem to be desirous that Col. Bryan stampede the Baltimore convention and receive the nomination. If that should happen he would be elected.

Peace in Mexico is of the strenuous order.

HEART AND HOME TALKS
BY BARBARA BOYD

Reforming a Boy.

A MOTHER writes to ask for advice in regard to a wayward son. She says she has done all she can think of and is at her wits' ends. She has made the home attractive. She has pointed out the error of his ways and what his conduct will ultimately lead to. But none of this has any effect upon him.

This mother has an extremely hard problem to solve, as any one who has had such an experience knows. She should not be deceived about it. To teach a boy of seventeen to know and love the good is much harder than to train him in it from a child up. A little child, with nature unwarped, can be trained to love the good, if it is put to him in the right way, and he can be led into paths of pleasantness. But when he has chosen his own path, and corrupted his mind with wrong associates, it is a difficult task to make him see and know the right.

Perhaps this advice from one who has studied the subject may help. "It is not persuasion or environment that reforms a life, but the awakening of its own innate energies," says this teacher.

Here may be help for this mother. Let her rouse her innate energies. If she does not yet know what they are, let her watch her son until she discovers them.

What is it that he does when away from home? What is it that he likes in the associates he chooses? What is it that he fails to like in his home? Perhaps in these things she may find the key. Or let her put out some bait to tempt him to do things which she thinks he will care for.

Latent, dormant, he has energies, which if once aroused will sweep him restlessly into the path of wholesome activity. There is something he cares to do, if presented to him in the right way. Or there is some motive that will wake him up, if it is brought to bear upon him in the right light. Good is stronger than evil. Evil is after all only ignorance. An active, useful life can be made to look so good that he will hunger for it.

Sometimes a complete change of scene will help to arouse these latent energies. If this boy could be removed completely from his present associates, and put among boys of his own age, who are doing something worth while, not in one line, but in a variety of lines, so that he would have room for choice, it might do him good.

But if this mother will, with the keen eyes of mother love, watch him and study him and see what will rouse his latent energies, she will soon find the key to unlock the door to a useful life. It is a much better way than coaxing or scolding. Coaxing ministers to conceit, and scolding hardens. But awakening his energies rouses the man in him. And this is what needs to be brought to life.

Barbara Boyd.

WILL RUEF TELL ALL.

Abraham Ruef, political boss of San Francisco, during the era of his most infamous municipal corruption, is forging thunderbolts in San Quentin prison, where he is serving a sentence of fourteen years, evidently intended for the "men higher up" who were benefited by his crookedness.

Naturally, the possible motives of Ruef suggest themselves for consideration. Ever since he has been in the penitentiary he has been endeavoring to get out. A movement with that end in view was started but met with such a storm of public disapproval that it was dropped. Since then Ruef's former friends and "business" associates have refused to exert themselves in his behalf, though undoubtedly he has appealed to men of power and influence whom he has served in the past. It is apparent that they will be the chief sufferers if he carries out his agreement with a San Francisco newspaper to give it the complete story of his secret operations when he was the boss of the city.

Is he actuated by a desire for revenge or does he hope to obtain his release through the efforts of the men who have reason to fear exposure? Or, with nothing to lose, may he not think to gain something by showing that he is not the chief culprit. Perhaps he is really penitent and wishes to atone for his misdeeds by showing San Francisco and California how they have been victimized. In any event, if he tells the truth and all the truth he will perform a valuable public service.—Cleveland Leader.

FARMING WITH DYNAMITE.

Where the surface soil is underlaid with a layer of compact subsoil or hardpan that is impervious to water and impenetrable to the roots of growing crops, the rain runs off quickly and the land suffers severely in times of drought.

Blowing up with dynamite this compact subsoil to form underground reservoirs has been tried with good results, says Farm and Home. Bore holes in the ground two to six feet deep and from 20 to 30 feet apart according to the nature and compactness of the subsoil and hardpan. About 80 sticks of dynamite are used per acre, which cost \$1.50 with caps and fuse.

An ordinary two-inch auger with a long handle is used and a half-pound stick of blasting powder is placed in each hole. The explosion breaks the ground all around for a distance of 10 to 15 feet, makes an opening at the surface 8 to 10 inches in diameter, and forms a subreservoir below the bottom of the hole from three to six feet in diameter, with the hardpan shivered into fragments. The openings and holes so created should be partially filled with sand or gravel to keep them open permanently for the surplus rainfall. The work can be done in leisure time in dry weather. Largely increased crops result. The modern method of tree planting is to blow a hole for each tree with dynamite.

It is unfortunate for President Taft that he is seemingly tied up with such men as Lorimer, Smoot and Penrose. But Penrose may be able to carry Pennsylvania today with the old Quay machine. He is stronger than Lorimer was in Illinois. If Penrose falls in Pennsylvania Taft will have to abdicate. It is necessary to his cause that Penrose hold the old Keystone State in line. With Illinois off the reservation and Pennsylvania split open and New York refusing to instruct, the renomination of Taft is doubtful.

Some of our big newspapers are trying to lambast women out of the foolish habit of spending their time playing bridge. But will they make any headway? We fear not. Especially where prizes are offered which arouse the passions of gambling. But people should restrain themselves by a moral and social considerations and keep within the law and line of good conduct of citizens.

We hope there is no insult intended in the statement of a New York library which includes "African Game Trails" as among the "works of fiction."

With such men as Lorimer and Stephenson about it is no wonder they have invented machines in the United States Treasury to wash the money.

There is every indication that the Roosevelt headquarters in New York, Washington and Chicago are well supplied with money and hot air.

Every now and then the poor old tariff question dares to bob its head up amid the councils of the Republican leaders.

The Colonel will keep on the stump, so that if the Republican nomination seeks him it will be sure to find him.

Democrats agree with "T. R." that it would be very unwise to re-elect Taft.

Col. Roosevelt, formerly the great "I am," is becoming the famous "I was."

It is not certain today who will be nominated for President in either party much less who will be elected.

Now Taft is claiming to be a Progressive. He favors the short ballot.

Rain makes the grass grow and pushes along the genial spring-time.

Many a married man has a chaperon in his wife.

Tide and Current.

Joy for Kids.

While dad and ma in the flooded district are having a time of anxious worry, the kids have the ecstatic joy of navigating the parlor in the wash

sub—Glyria Telegram.

A Dilemma.

Hancock county, Maine, is to have a plague of moose. The pesky critters destroy young trees, and it's against the law to kill 'em.—Cleveland Press.

A Hero.

"He's the bravest alman in the

world."
"How's that?"
"Why, he absolutely refuses to go aloft in the wind, no matter what the crowd yells."—New York Evening Sun.

What It Really Needs.

In view of the large number of communities in which preparations are under way to defraud Mr. Roosevelt, what the country needs is the injunction and not the recall.—New York Post.

Senators Who Knew Better.

Four members of the Illinois legislature have confessed that they were bribed to vote for Lorimer. But the senate committee evidently decided they were mistaken.—Kansas City Star.

Burbank's Discovery.

Luther Burbank is said to have discovered a seedless plum. Now if he'll give us a seedless lumberjack, he'll give his fame will have reached its zenith.—Lima News.

Roosevelt Firebrand.

When the politicians asked Roosevelt not to mention Lorimer out in Illinois, the request simply had the effect of "setting off" the Roosevelt firebrand" and what the former president did to the Illinois senator was a plenty.—Mansfield Shield.

Preventing a Panic.

One night at a theater some scenery took fire and a very perceptible odor of burning alarmed the spectators. A panic seemed to be imminent, when an actor appeared on the stage. "Ladies and gentlemen," he said, "compose yourselves. There is no danger." The audience did not seem reassured. "Ladies and gentlemen," continued the comedian, rising to the necessities of the occasion, "confound it all—do you think if there was any danger I'd be here?"—Kansas City Star.

The Danger After Grip.

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MAY MAGAZINES.

Technical World.

The following is a list of leading articles for May, 1912.
What Shall Dividends Cost—Henry M. Hyde.
Where Trusts Don't Rule—Charles Dillon.
The Invisible Detective—Charles Frederick Carter.
Harnassing the Big Muddy—Arthur Chapman.
Cheap Homes for Working Men—Harry F. Fehr.
Mining for Tigers—Charles Frederick Holder.
If Lobsters Were Smaller and Spiders Larger—Edward F. Bigelow.
Waging War on Swamp Lands—F. B. Moorhead.
Rats to Fight Mosquitoes—Robert Franklin.
Breaking a Bridge Trust—Harlan David Smith.
Tempting Disaster by Rail—Robert G. Skerrett.
Government Runs Railroad to Build Biggest Dam—Rene Bache.
Healing with Dry Air—Dr. Alfred Gradenitz.

The Boon that Has Helped Me Most—And Why.

From "St. Nicholas League" in May St. Nicholas.

My Bank-Book.

I have been helped and educated by many different books, but I believe that during the last three years, the one that has helped me most has been my bank-account book. Before I was given my bank-book, I spent my money heedlessly; in fact, I spent my money so quickly that I really could not give my parents an accurate account of what it had all gone for.

So, finally, on my fourteenth birthday, my father gave me a bank-book, and he told me to put my allowance (which was twenty-five dollars a month) into the bank and draw out five dollars every week for all my expenditures. He told me to keep an accurate account of every penny that I spent during the week, and to record these weekly accounts in my bank-book.

At first I thought this would be an awful task, but I soon learned to take pleasure in being careful with my expense accounts, and then my father rewarded me for my extra trouble by adding another five dollars to my regular monthly allowance.

I am very glad now that I was taught to keep a bank-account, for it certainly did succeed in making me more economical, and more careful with money.

St. Nicholas.

"The book that has helped me most," I thought to myself. Upon which of my favorite books should the choice rest? Should it be "Captains Courageous," "The Jungle Books," or, perhaps, "Thompson Stator's" stories of animals? But no; a second reading of the title changed my ideas. "The

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"And they turned in their stripes to see whether Hall one great blaze."

"Heaven!" gasped Captain Hood. They dashed back with white faces."

(To be continued.)

or words to that effect.

St. Nicholas, too, always can settle any dispute as to punctuation, capitals, etc., because it always has the "last" in printing.

All the stories are good and well written. Altogether, I do not see how I ever could get along without "the book that has helped me most."

Almost a Miracle.

One of the most startling changes ever seen in any man, according to W. B. Holecrow, Clarendon, Texas, was observed years ago in his brother. "He had such a dreadful cough," he writes, "that all our family thought he was going into consumption, but he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery, and was completely cured by ten bottles. Now he is sound and well and weighs 118 pounds. For many years our family has used this wonderful remedy for coughs and colds with excellent results." It's quick, safe, reliable and guaranteed. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at Tachan Bros.

ODDS AND ENDS OF WORLD'S WORK

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(United Press Leased Wire.)

For Hog Inspection.

Washington, April 12.—An emergency appropriation of \$1,000,000 was asked of congress by President Taft in a special message this afternoon, the money to be used by the meat inspection service in microscopic investigations to discover evidence of trichinae in hog flesh. The message says that claims are pending against the United States on account of the death of Swiss citizens from eating uncooked hog meat, said to be infected.

Smith Escaped.

Shelbyville, Ind., April 12.—Discovery was made today that Robert Smith, a former private in the United States army, who has been in jail here awaiting a hearing tomorrow on the charge of bigamy, had saved his way to liberty through one of the iron plates during the night. The police believe Smith had outside aid in making his escape.

He is alleged to have two wives, one here and one in Oklahoma.

Railroads for Alaska.

Washington, April 12.—Governmental construction and equipment of a thousand miles of railroad in Alaska to open up the territory's natural resources and establish a naval coal supply, was proposed in a bill introduced today by Senator Smith, of Michigan. An Alaskan railroad commission is created to aid the president in building the line. Provision is made for acquisition of existing railroads and rights of way by lease or condemnation. Bonds are specified to raise the \$1,000,000 appropriated and the interstate commerce commission given power to control operation of the railroad.

Strange Case.

Cincinnati, April 12.—John P. Ruch, Jr., 22, was divorced today from his half-sister, Helen Hoffman Ruch, 24. Having been divorced, John Ruch and his former wife still his half sister, went home together to arrange for the separation and to discuss the future of their two children. In court they declared their love for each other. They had sought the divorce as the only way out of the situation when they learned that they were half sister and half brother.

"These two young people still love each other," said Attorney Millard Tyree, who represented them.

To Force Out Gompers.

Des Moines, Ia., April 12.—Iowa coal miners in convention here today revived the movement to force Samuel Gompers, president of the A. F. of L., to withdraw from the Civic Federation, an action similar to the movement which forced John Mitchell from that organization.

When the Iowa Federation of Labor meets in June, the miners' delegates will offer a resolution to instruct the state's delegates to the national convention of the American Federation of Labor to fight the Civic Federation and force Gompers to withdraw or cease to be president of the union men. The miners' action was practically unanimous, the Socialists leading the fight.

Indicted ex-Treasurer Guy.

Marysville, O., April 12.—Robert G. Guy, former Republican treasurer of Union county, was indicted by the grand jury today for alleged violation of the public depository law. A maximum fine of \$10,000 and a sentence of from one to ten years in the penitentiary, each or both, is the penalty.

Appropriations for Navy.

Washington, April 12.—After agreeing to appropriate \$100,000,000 for the navy for maintenance of the navy, the house naval affairs committee was stalled today on a program for an increase in armored cruisers and auxiliaries. No battleships will be provided for, the committee having agreed to abide by the Democratic caucus vote. Despite appropriations of \$650,000 for the new Pearl harbor naval station in Hawaii, \$400,000 extra for wireless telegraph extensions and additions to the navy of 4,000 more sailors and 2,000 more marines, the appropriation bill is \$565,000 under that of last year.

Plea for Clemency.

Denver, Col., April 12.—"Bud" Parrott, a life prisoner in the state penitentiary, came all the way from Fort



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Collins, Colorado, today unguarded to make a personal plea for clemency from the state board of pardons.

Parrott was sentenced eleven years ago for killing Charles Randall in a quarrel over a woman. Parrott asserts in his pardon plea that Randall fired the first shot. He will return to the convict road camp near Fort Collins, as he came here unguarded. Tom Tynan, warden of the penitentiary, has written to the board urging clemency.

It Looks Like a Crime.

To separate a boy from a box of Buckle's Arnica Salve. His pimples, boils, scratches, knocks, sprains and bruises demand it, and its quick relief for burns, scalds, or cuts is his right. Keep it handy for boys, also girls. Heals everything healable and does it quick. Unequaled for piles. Only 25c at Tachan Bros.

Says He Intended No Harm.

Washington, April 12.—A man who gave his name as Michael Winter, was arrested at the White House early today after he had twice succeeded in forcing his way into the private part of the executive mansion. When searched an ugly looking clasp knife was found in his pocket. It is the first time in years that an unwelcome visitor has succeeded in gaining entrance to the president's home.

The man claimed to be a German subject and said he had applied unsuccessfully to Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, for a letter of introduction to Taft. When he reached the White House he ran swiftly up the steps, dashed past the doorkeeper and for a moment was lost in the darkness of the hall from the frantically searching ushers.

A few minutes after being ejected, the man repeated the performance and was taken into custody. Winter gave his residence as Baltimore. To officers he protested that he intended no harm to the president.

A few choice lots left on David Street, Southwest. 11

The latest appropriations with regard to aviation in France are \$4,800,000 for aeroplanes and \$1,000,000 for airships. Fifteen of the latter type will be constructed, and at the end of 1912 it is proposed to have 334 aeroplanes in operation. At present the French army has over two hundred.

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